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MESSAGE: The following is **APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT-A**  
for consideration by Examiner Benton, and for entry into the application file.

It is believed that this amendment will place the application in condition for allowance. If necessary, applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 344-4422.

This amendment includes:

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AMENDMENT A

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In response to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2005 and directed to the above-named application, the applicant submits the present amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks and Discussion begin on page 9 of this paper.

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